

SACRED HEART NEWS

Athletic Compliance

For Coaches and Athletics Staff

Fall 2002

DEAD PERIOD NOVEMBER 11-14!!!

A dead period is defined as that period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations ON or OFF campus. This means that all official and unofficial visits by prospects to our campus are not permitted. It is permissible for a staff member to write or telephone prospects during such a dead period.

NCAA SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

All coaches who have Pell grant recipients on their teams will be receiving the forms for the first distribution of this NCAA fund. After all of these student-athletes have received assistance, we will begin to address other student-athletes who are experiencing financial hardship. Just remember that only those student-athletes who have been recruited AND have unmet financial need are eligible for this fund (other than Pell grant recipients).

Please have your student-athletes gather receipts totaling not more than \$500 for clothing and transportation BEFORE they return the form to me.

The following are *not acceptable* receipts:

- ❖ Any entertainment expenses
- ❖ Grocery items and/or food expenses
- ❖ Uniform and equipment costs
- ❖ Inappropriate apparel and/or clothing for family members

CURRENT RECRUITING CALENDAR

Softball

August 1 – Nov. 11	Contact/Eval. Pd
November 12 – 15	Dead Period

Men's Basketball

Oct. 10 – Nov. 11	Quiet Period
Nov. 12 – 15	Dead Period
Nov. 16 – 21	Quiet Period

Women's Basketball

Oct. 8 – Feb. 28	*Evaluation Pd
Nov. 12 – 15	Dead Period

*[Must designate 40 evaluation days]

Football

Aug. 1 – Nov. 24	*Quiet Period
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*[Except for 6 days during Sept, Oct, and Nov selected by the institution as evaluation days]

Field Hockey

Nov. 14 – 19	Dead Period
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All Other Sports Except for Soccer

Nov. 12 – 15	Dead Period
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FYI...

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Please note that from this point forward, any additions to your team will require completion of the “Walk On Eligibility Review” Form. Julie Alexander, Lucy Cox, and Kim Callicoatte must sign this form. The use of this form simply organizes the steps that the student-athlete must go through to begin with, and should make late additions much easier. Also, all additions and deletions must now be recorded on the “Official Roster Change” Form.

SUITING UP

Student-athletes who have rendered themselves ineligible for intercollegiate competition may not utilize team travel to away from home competitions, nor can they receive complimentary admissions to the away from home competitions. Please note that a student-athlete who is eligible for practice is not permitted to dress for home or away from home competitions but may be on the sidelines and wear their team jersey. Student-athletes who are not eligible for practice may not be on the sidelines during the institution’s competitions.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PRACTICE

In order to be eligible for practice sessions (including voluntary individual skill instruction), a student-athlete must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours at SHU, or if graduating this term, be carrying the courses necessary to complete his/her degree requirements.

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

For all sports other than football, institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect on the initial date for the signing of the **National Letter of Intent** and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date. The exception to this rule is applicable to the sport of football. These coaches may make unlimited calls to prospects during the period of time 48 hours prior to and 48 hours after 7 AM on the initial signing date for the NLI.

Subsequent to the calendar day on which a prospect signs a **National Letter of Intent**, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by the institution with which the prospect has signed.

The dates for the Fall Early Signing Period are fast approaching. Please see Kim **BEFORE** November 5th if you are planning on any activity during this time!

Official Visits

At the time of the *invitation* of an official visit, the prospect must be notified in writing of the five-visit limitation. After this notification has been sent, the coach and prospect can arrange for high school transcripts and test scores to be received by the compliance office. All official visit paperwork must be presented to the compliance office no later than 48 hours prior to the visit. *At SHU, we do not allow for spontaneous “official” visits. If a recruit is limited in time or circumstance, you must allow them only an “unofficial” visit.* There are no exceptions.

If you are aware of a prospect that you are actively recruiting who wants to come visit and stay with friends who are on your team, you must count this as an official visit. A letter of notification must be sent and transcripts/test scores must be received. Please make sure your athletes are aware of this rule!

OFFICE OF STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Overzealous, newly-appointed Student-Athlete Associate Director seeking issues in order to create action plans and implement solutions to assist you and your team.

Just some ways *I can help*:

- Class scheduling/planning
- Degree Audits
- Choosing a Major
- Academic probation issues
- Tutors/CLA's
- Faculty correspondence
- Career Advisement

Just some ways *you can help*:

- Keep me in the loop with your issues
- Send me your athletes for advisement
- Let me communicate with professors/administrators
- Tell me your good news so I can share

Things to come:

- Special programming for student-athletes
- New study lounge in old SID offices
- Trumbull Athletic Mentor Program

EARLY WARNINGS:

I am actively seeking tutors in Math, English and History to be available to Student-Athletes during academic study hall hours. This should be a great support to freshmen since study hall is required. If you have any top scholar GA's willing to tutor in these areas, just let me know. More detail to come.

Mid-term grades will be out next week and I will contact each of you in regard to your athletes. We are off to a great start, thanks for all your support!!!

Ok, let's see how smart *you* are:

E-mail me your answers and results will be posted by correct answers and speed.

Can you unscramble these names?

Climb on a drive
(Hint: Football)

Has wrung one
(Hint: Baseball)

Lacks in mud
(Hint: Football)

Who was the last goaltender in NHL history to play without a facemask?

Who was the oldest rookie in NHL history, entering the league at age 38?

What Women's SHU ice hockey alums currently play for Team Connecticut?

Who currently plays for the Bakersfield Condors?

Who currently plays for the Canadian WNHL?

Shoot me out an e-mail and let see how you do! cox1@sacredheart.edu



**Lucky The Dawg SAYS "ASK
BEFORE YOU ACT!!"**